Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In that case I have no objection in having that particular portion deleted. With the permission of the chair I may be allowed to delete the words "or of debts due to private creditors."

President.—Yes.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government accept the resolution that as far as possible sales will be conducted in the respective villages in which the properties are situated.

As the following resolutions were not moved they were considered withdrawn.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*This Council recommends to the Government to embark upon a successful scheme of rural re-construction.*

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—*This Council recommends to the Government to constitute a section in the Huzur Office for collection of statistics relating to the economical and industrial condition of the State and to publish such information periodically.*

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—*In view of the recent strike in the Sitaram Spinning and Weaving Mills, Ltd., at Trichur and of the happenings in the Nelliampathy Plantations, this Council recommends to the Government to appoint a Labour Inspector under the District Magistrate or the Commissioner of Police to inspect all the Factories, Estates, Plantations, etc., at least once in a month to know the condition of the labourers and their treatment by their employers and with a view to take timely steps to avert the unhappy occurrence of strike, etc.*

9. Extension of Kistbandi to six equal kists.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—*This Council recommends to the Government the absolute necessity of extending the kistbandi to six equal kists.*

Sir, the land tax is now collected in the months of Thulam, Vrischigam and Dhanu. The paddy will not be ready for sale in the month of Thulam. So if the whole tax is collected in two kists the rate-payers will be put to very great difficulty. In Dhanu there will be no paddy. So my request is to extend the kist to six instalments.

Mr. C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri.—I second it.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I think I will have to explain to the members of this House in some detail how this tax is being collected under the scheme of kistbandy adopted by our Government. Our present system of collection of assessment on compounded double crop lands is to realise their kist in the months of Thulam, Vrischigam and Dhanu. There can be no difficulty with respect to the one crop, namely, Viruppu lands.

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That is harvested in the month of Kanni itself, and the assessment begins only in the next month viz., Thulam. The only possible complaint can only be with respect to compounded double crop lands. These are lands which are given exceptionally favourable treatment because they have been registered as double crop lands in the settlement itself. In the case of these lands they are given very favourable terms. It is only about one fourth of the normal rate of assessment that is being collected from these lands. So that in consideration of that concession given, they are asked to pay that assessment in the months of Thulam, Vrischigam and Dhanu. There again two concessions are involved. The first concession is that they are to pay only about one-fourth of the normal rate and the second is that this concession is spread out in three equal instalments. Coming to one crop Mundakan lands, the kist is to be paid in three instalments commencing from the month of Dhanu.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What about Chittur? There the Mundakan crop is harvested only in the month of Makaram and sometimes in Kumbham.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—This compounded double crop lands exist not only in Chittur but elsewhere also. There is also another class of lands, called kole lands. The land revenue is collected from those lands in the month of Meenam and Medam. I fail to see why this exceptional treatment should be given to one class of lands alone. These lands are given on exceptionally favourable terms and they have only to pay one-fourth. If any change is made it will affect the whole scheme of our kistbandy which I submit is a very serious proposition to consider because Government have got their own financial obligations to meet.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Would it give any great relief to this industry by adopting this method suggested in the resolution?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The assessment is only one-fourth which is spread out in three instalments and the consideration for that was they promised to pay earlier.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There would be some relief to pay the tax if it is 4 instalments to the persons who pay the tax. Now large sums have to be paid.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There is some sort of favoured treatment given to these double crop lands and if we extend the kists in the case of these lands we may have to extend them to other lands also. If we extend the kists in the case of one crop lands we must extend it to second group also, *i. e.*, the one-crop Mundakan on the ground that they are not generally harvested in the beginning of Dhanu. The first kind of lands were got com-

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pounded on this distinct promise to pay in the moths specified.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—There was no such promise.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The promise lies in the act of getting them compounded on a concessional rate of assessment. Government compounded them on condition that the assessment would be so paid.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Sir, the whole land tax in Chittur Taluk is paid within 3 months, i. e., Thulam, Vrischigam and Dhanu. In Thulam the paddy would not be ready for sale. Out of the harvest of Kanni We have to spend for the transplanting of Makaram crop, we have to pay the pattom; and what is left behind? There will be very little left behind. From the very little left behind we have to take up for our own maintenance. So if we are asked to pay out of the Kanni crop the whole of the tax it is not possible for us to have anything left for our own maintenance. The fact that after the settlement we were given a favoured rate is not true. After the settlement there were 4 kists in Kanni, Thulam, Vrischigam and Dhanu. Now there are only 3 kists and considering that there is very little left for us, it is that I brought forward this resolution. Therefore my only request is that the Government should favour us by giving us a month more for paying the kists. I fear that the Leader of the House has made the Council understand that we are in a favoured position. It is not so. We are in a very difficult position. We are not in a position to pay the tax. It is for this reason that I have tabled this resolution.

Dr. A. R. Menon—Will you take some time to consider whether some possible change can be given?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I can promise to consider the matter consistent with the interests of the Government and the scheme of kistbandy.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The number of kists may be increased to 4. That will give much relief to the people.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, with leave, withdrawn.

As the following resolutions were not moved they were considered withdrawn.

1. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—*This Council recommends to the Government that in view of the prevailing economic depression the instalments of all kuries in the State may be ordered to be reduced by one-half.*

2. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*This Council recommends that the rule permitting subordinate officers of Government to produce medical certificates from native physicians*

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of repute for purposes of sick leave be extended to the case of gazetted officers also.

3. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—*This Council recommends to the Government that scheme for a Service Commission now before the Government be immediately given effect to.*

10. Committee to enquire into the ill-treatment of Satyagraha volunteers by the Police.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—*This Council recommends to the Government to immediately make an open and impartial enquiry, through a Committee consisting of official and non-official Members, into the reported beating, starving and other acts of ill treatment of the Satyagraha volunteers by the Police on 22nd and 26th Vrischigam 1109 at Ernakulam.*

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—സർ, ഇന്നിവിടെ ചോദിച്ച ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവൺമെണ്ടു പറഞ്ഞ മറുപടികൊണ്ട് സത്യാഗ്രഹികളെ പോലീസ് ഉപദ്രവിച്ചു എന്നുള്ളതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഈരാജ്യത്തെ ജനങ്ങളുടെയിടയിൽ വലിയ സംസാരമുണ്ടായിരുന്നിട്ടും ഗവൺമെണ്ട് അതിനെപ്പറ്റി വേണ്ടപോലെ അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടില്ലെന്നുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്. ചോദിച്ച ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കെല്ലാം നോട്ടീസു, നോട്ടീസ് എന്ന മറുപടി പറയുകയാണു ചെയ്തതു്. ഇങ്ങിനെ "നോട്ടീസ്" എന്നുപറഞ്ഞു ഒഴിയുവാൻ പാടില്ലാത്തമാതിരി എപ്പോഴും അവരുടെ കയ്യുടെ തുമ്പിൽ ഇരിക്കേണ്ട സംഗതികളും സംബന്ധിച്ചും ഇപ്രകാരമാണു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞതു്. അതു വളരെ കഷ്ടമെന്നെ പറയാനുള്ളു.

പൊല്ലീസ്സിന്റെ മർദ്ദനം നടന്ന എന്ന സ്ഥാനം കണ്ടിട്ടുകൊണ്ടുവരുന്ന ആശ്ചര്യമല്ല ഇതു. രാജ്യത്തെ സർവ്വ പത്രങ്ങളിലും മർദ്ദനം നടന്നതായി റിപ്പോർട്ട് ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു, മർദ്ദനം നടന്നില്ലെന്നു ഒരു പത്രത്തിലും റിപ്പോർട്ട് കണ്ടില്ല. "മർദ്ദനം നടന്നില്ലെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറിനു ബോദ്ധ്യമായിരുന്നു എങ്കിൽ പത്ര റിപ്പോർട്ടുകളെ ഖണ്ഡിച്ചു പ്രസ്താവമുണ്ടാക്കു് ഗവൺമെൻറു് പരസ്യംചെയ്യേണ്ടിയിരുന്നു. അങ്ങിനെ ഗവൺമെൻറു് ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല. ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള സംഭവങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കേണ്ട ചുമതല ഗവൺമെൻറിനും പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കും ഒരുപോലെയുണ്ടു്. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്തില്ലെങ്കിൽ ആളുകൾക്കു അവരുടെ ശരീരവുംകൊണ്ടു നടക്കുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാത്ത സ്ഥിതി രാജ്യത്തു വരും. ഇപ്പോൾ നടന്നു എന്നു പറയുന്നമാതിരി മർദ്ദനങ്ങൾ മേലാൽ നടക്കാതിരിക്കാൻവേണ്ടിയെങ്കിലും അന്വേഷണം ആവശ്യമാണു്. കുറെ മുമ്പെ പെരിങ്ങോട്ടുകരെവെച്ചു തുപ്രയാർ പോകുമ്പോൾ വേലിക്കകത്തു അതു കണ്ടുകൊണ്ടുനിന്നിരുന്ന ഈഴവരെ പട്ടാളക്കാർ വേലി പൊളിച്ചുചെന്നു മർദ്ദിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി പോലീസ്സിൽനിന്നു അന്വേഷിച്ചു അന്വേഷിച്ചു അതു എങ്ങി

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